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SUBJECT: PRESS SPOKESMAN'S COMMENTS ON ALCOA PAYMENTS

ABROAD

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1. FOLLOWING EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE IN NOON PRESS BRIEFING
JULY 16:

2. QUOTE Q. CAN YOU CONFIRM THAT IT IS THE LATE AMBASSADOR
TO JAMAICA WHO WAS THE SOLICITOR OF ALCOA FUNDS?

A. YES.

Q. WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THAT INQUIRY?

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A. I DO NOT HAVE ANY INDICATION THIS MORNING THAT OUR LOOKING INTO THIS MATTER HAS PROCEEDED MUCH FURTHER THAN IT WAS YESTERDAY WHEN I CONFIRMED IT. I DO NOT HAVE ANY MORE INFORMATION TO ADD TO THE SUBSTANCE OTHER THAN THAT, ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US, THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THIS ALLEGED INCIDENT TOOK PLACE WAS JAMAICA, AND THE TIME FRAME WAS DURING THE PERIOD THAT AMBASSADOR VINCENT DE ROULET WAS OUR AMBASSADOR IN JAMAICA. AS I THINK YOU KNOW,

HE DIED IN AUGUST OF 1975.

Q. HOW MUCH MONEY WAS INVOLVED IN ALL?

A. THE ALCOA REPORT SAID IT WAS DOLS 25,000. NOW WE ARE CHECKING ALL AVAILABLE FILES TO SEE IF, AS I TOLD YOU YESTERDAY, THERE IS ANY INFORMATION. AND WE DO NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION.

Q. THERE WAS DOLS 55,000 INVOLVED. THERE WERE TWO DOLS 25,000 PAYMENTS AND ONE OF FIVE.

A. MY RECOLLECTION OF THE REPORT - I ONLY READ IT ONCE - WAS THAT THE ONLY AMOUNT IN WHICH ALCOA ALLEGED THAT THE AMBASSADOR WAS INVOLVED WAS THE DOLS 25,000. END QUOTE KISSINGER

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